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SUBJ: MODE - TREASURY REQUEST TO ESTABLISH ATTACHE
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1. I STAND BY MY RECOMMENDATION OF LAST MAY (REFTEL B) THAT A NEW FINANCIAL OFFICER POSITION BE ESTABLISHED IN OTTAWA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT EMBASSY CAN STEP UP ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE FINANCIAL FIELD. IF SECOND FINANCIAL OFFICER AVAILABLE, EMBASSY WOULD ASSIGN HIM DIRECT INVESTMENT ISSUE WHICH IS CRITICALLY SENSITIVE AREA OF U.S./CANADA RELATIONS. OFFICER WHO IS NOW COVERING DIRECT INVESTMENT ALONG WITH REPORTING ON OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMY WOULD EXPAND OUR RESOURCE REPORTING, ANOTHER HIGHLY SENSITIVE AREA IN U.S./CANADA RELATIONS.

2. THE TWO CHANGES TOGETHER WOULD, IF SUPPORTED BY ASSIGNMENT OF A SECRETARY, ENABLE THE EMBASSY TO COVER U.S./CANADIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRECISION AND SHORT REACTION TIME THEY DESERVE. ECON SECTION LOST ONE AMERICAN SECRETARIAL POSITION EARLIER THIS YEAR AND NOW HAS TWO AMERICAN SECRETARIES FOR SIX OFFICERS. THE SECRETARIAL STAFF IS UNDER GREAT STRAIN. SECRETARY COULD BE CANADIAN SINCE MUCH OF
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USE.

3. I WOULD PARTICULARLY WELCOME ASSIGNMENT OF CLARK,
WHO HAS WIDE REPUTATION AS AN INTELLIGENT AND EFFECTIVE
ECONOMIC OFFICER.
ENDERS

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